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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/04782, filed July 31, 1998, which claimed priority of European Application No. 97113436.6, filed August 4, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/054,945, filed August 7, 1997.

1. A check for \$804.00 representing the filing fee.
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Application - 41 pages, including 4 independent claims and 22 claims total (as amended).
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5. Certified copy of European Application No. 97113436.6, filed August 4, 1997.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 19 documents attached.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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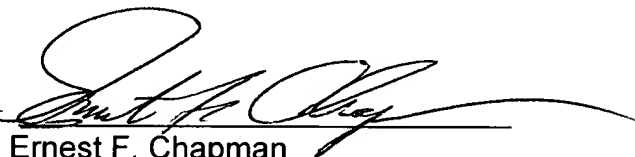
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